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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 7

DOMESTIC EXPLOITATION OF SOURCES OF FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, and for the purpose enunciated in paragraphs (d) and (e) thereof, the National Security Council hereby authorizes and directs that:

1. The Central Intelligence Agency, as a service of common concern, shall be responsible for the exploitation, on a highly selective basis, within the United States of business concerns, and other non-governmental organizations and individuals as sources of foreign intelligence information. The other IAC agencies as appropriate, in coordination with the CIA, shall be responsible for exploiting voluntary sources resulting from programs for which they are operationally responsible. When there is a local CIA field office available and time permits the voluntary sources should be referred to that office.

2. To implement this undertaking, the Central Intelligence Agency shall:

a. Determine the foreign intelligence potential of non-governmental organizations and individuals, and maintain a central index of such sources in the United States.

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b. Establish procedures to insure that the interests of organizations and individuals contacted will not be jeopardized.

c. Establish standards and procedures for security clearance of all such contacts. In the case of aliens, appropriate agencies will be consulted prior to exploitation.

d. Conduct exploitation of such sources, through field offices within the United States, for foreign intelligence information required in the interests of the national security or by the individual IAC agencies.

e. Obtain the agreement of responsible policy-making officials of American organizations having a foreign intelligence potential before establishing and maintaining contacts within that organization.

f. Inform the IAC agencies of the prospective departure from, return to or availability within the United States of selected individuals having a high foreign intelligence potential, so that the agencies may furnish requirements or provide specialists for briefing or interrogation.

g. Arrange for direct contact between representatives of other IAC agencies and non-governmental sources within the United States whenever conditions require such action or upon the request of an IAC agency.

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- h. Disseminate to the IAC agencies all foreign intelligence information obtained through this program.
- 3. Further to implement this undertaking, the IAC agencies shall:
 - a. Assign to duty in the Central Intelligence Agency field offices, if they so desire and within their capabilities, representatives to serve their interests under the direction of the CIA field office chiefs. Member agencies may also, at their discretion, establish active working liaison between their field elements and CIA field offices.
 - b. Send to the Central Intelligence Agency requirements for foreign intelligence information to be obtained from non-governmental sources within the United States.
 - c. Transmit to the Central Intelligence Agency for appropriate dissemination full information and reports resulting from approved direct contacts by their representatives with non-governmental sources, identifying such sources for central index purposes.
- 4. Further to implement this undertaking, the Departments and Agencies represented on the IAC shall furnish to the CIA, to the maximum extent possible, and as appropriate, all foreign intelligence information and source leads which are received as a result of their normal relationship with business concerns, other non-governmental organizations and individuals.

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5. Under the chairmanship of the Central Intelligence Agency, a committee will meet periodically to consider mutual problems and interests in connection with this program.

6. Nothing in this program shall be interpreted to affect the established relationship of the Departments and Agencies with business concerns, other non-governmental organizations and individuals in the United States for purposes other than the procurement of foreign intelligence information. Nor shall it affect the normal interchange of documents between libraries of the departments and other libraries, or the development of academic research information or research projects with individuals or non-governmental institutions.

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